

**REMARKS**

The Examiner identified two inventions:

- I. Group I, claims 1-22 relating to a method; and
- II. Group II, claim 23 relating to a conjugate.

Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1-22.

Favorable consideration and early indication of allowance are solicited earnestly. Any questions can be directed to the undersigned at the local exchange noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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